



Commission on Volunteerism
and Community Service

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Quarterly Commission Meeting

February 22, 2018

1 pm – 4 pm

Locations

Illinois Department of Public Health
422 S 5th St, 4th Floor
Springfield, IL

Illinois Department of Public Health
122 S. Michigan Ave, 7th Floor Room 711
Chicago, IL

Call-in Option:

Dial: 888-494-4032; Access Code: 4037150212#

Commissioners and Staff in Attendance

Springfield – Turnbull, Jeff; Benanti, Jennifer

Chicago – Marton, Debra; Dee, Merri; Ford, Beth; Furllett, Natalie; Angelis, Jane; Davis, Laura;
Schuman, Anne; Sims, Cynthia

By-Phone – Healy, Shawn; Wienheimer, Eric P.; Witzel, Jennifer; Brown, Julian; Guinn, Amanda;
Tubekis, Barbara; Silberman, Steve; Rosales, Geraldo

Guests – Stapleton, Sara, CNCS; Tapscott, Sarah, Forefront

Staff – McFarland, Scott; Hanneken, Michelle; Turley, Melissa; Morrissey, Spenser; Esper, James;
Stevens, Jaime; Street, Joshua

Agenda and Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

Turnbull called meeting to order at 1:02 PM

2. Roll Call

Commissioners introduced themselves.

Quorum met.

3. Approval of the November 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Two corrections needed for previous meeting: Furllett and Silberman were not marked for attendance in last meeting.

Benanti motioned to approve minutes.

Brown seconded motion.

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Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Executive Director Report – McFarland

a. Staffing

McFarland welcomed Melissa Turley, program monitor.

b. Budget

McFarland discussed grants: Federal grants and state match.

McFarland opened meeting for questions.

McFarland and Turnbull discussed state income surplus.

Turnbull opened meeting for discussion.

c. Commission Appointments

McFarland discussed appointments and roster for commissioners. Commission might need to move some commissioners from voting to non-voting and vice versa.

Turnbull discussed roster voting and non-voting members.

McFarland mentioned expired terms for commissioners.

Ford asked questions about voting and non-voting commissioners.
McFarland addressed questions.

Turnbull asked if commissioners had further questions.

d. America's Service Commissions / States for Service

McFarland discussed policy updates on America's Service Commissions. New CEO for CNCS, Barbara Stewart.

McFarland discussed plans for federal funding from CNCS for past couple of years. House and senate fully funded CNCS operations including Serve Illinois and AmeriCorps.

Schuman asked about president's capabilities to veto. McFarland addressed question.

McFarland discussed increases in budget for AmeriCorps, which increase number of members.

McFarland addressed the volunteer Generation Fund, Commission Investment Fund, and Serve America Fellows and its operations. The middle of March is when increases for budgets are expected.

McFarland opened meeting for discussion.

Angelis asked question about service learning (learn and serve) funding for schools. McFarland addressed question.

Healy joined in discussion about service learning. Healy suggested there could be a connection between classroom and community through individuals.

Turnbull joined discussion on issue for service learning and commission's responsibility.

Hosteny joined discussion, indicating commission should work with state legislatures on this issue.

Turnbull asked for questions.

Amendment to agenda (Hosteny report given by Stapleton)

Stapleton gave presentation for Hosteny: Presentation disclosed new CEO of CNCS (Barbara Stewart), staffing considerations, and new AmeriCorps Vista programs.

Turnbull asked questions regarding opioid crisis and opportunities for the commission within this issue. Stapleton addressed this question.

Turnbull asked if commissioners had questions.

Sims asked Stapleton about match.

McFarland joined discussion about stipends and match.

Stapleton discussed the Peoria Housing Authority.

Turnbull asked if anyone had questions for Stapleton.

Amendment: Turnbull moves to Committee reports

5. Commission Chair Report - Turnbull

Turnbull did not give report.

6. CNCS Report – Hosteny

Hosteny did not give report.

7. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee – Turnbull

Turnbull discussed formula and competitive grants.

b. Finance Committee – Marton

Marton discussed Serve Illinois Foundation and meetings. Foundation will have fundraising event in March.

Ford asked about the Foundation’s purpose. Marton addressed question and then discussed award ceremonies.

Chicago commissioners discussed the Serve Illinois Foundation.

Tubekis asked question about cost of awards taken home for Hometown and Volunteer’s Service.

Benanti mentioned her interest in helping with the Foundation.

c. Public Relations – Angelis

Angelis did not give report.

Turnbull discussed the lack of a committee for public relations.

Furlett expressed interest in committee for public relations. She indicated firmly she does not want to be the chair of this committee.

Ford joined discussion. Ford suggested the Foundation would be a good tool for public relations.

Several commissioners discussed the Foundation and public relations.



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Turnbull suggested the Commission think about a committee for public relations at future date.

d. Recognition Events – Tubekis

Tubekis discussed nominations for Volunteer Service Awards. Tubekis asked Hanneken why there is not enough nominations yet. Hanneken addressed question.

Turnbull joined discussion about West Central and East Central regions that Hanneken was explaining.

Hanneken mentioned the deadline for nominations is noon on Friday, February 23rd. Assignments for commissioners will be given no later than the following Monday.

Tubekis discussed the part the commission should play and expressed appreciation for their participation.

Schuman asked question about Volunteer Awards. Hanneken addressed Schuman's question.

Tubekis discussed Hometown awards and asked question about awards. Hanneken addressed question by Tubekis.

Ford asked about application for Hometown. Several commissioners discussed this issue.

Marton asked about date of Volunteer Awards. Hanneken indicated April 18, 2018.

Tubekis asked about the location to find information about the awards. Hanneken addressed this question.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of a committee for recognition events.

Amendment: Turnbull moved meeting to Governance section.

e. State Service Plan/Strategic Planning - Turnbull

f. Governance – Chavkin

Chavkin did not attend to discuss governance.

g. AmeriCorps Selection

Turnbull asked about the reason why AmeriCorps awards are not a part of recognition and event. Tubekis discussed why Volunteer recognition and AmeriCorps awards are separate items.

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Marton joined discussion.

Silberman expressed confusion about the relationship with commissioners and committees. McFarland addressed this by mentioning bi-laws and the selection process for AmeriCorps.

Ford joined discussion and discussed AmeriCorps selections and past issues. Ford strongly disagreed with setting up another process.

Turnbull joined discussion and indicated importance of commissioners and AmeriCorps selections.

Ford discussed NOFO and AmeriCorps recipient process.

Turnbull discussed need for an entity to help recruit new applicants if given a fifty percent increase in funding.

Hosteny joined discussion and expressed that the commission would not need more funding if it reduced the number of years of funding.

Silberman asked question about design and rubric for peer review of AmeriCorps programs. McFarland addressed question by explaining the process of peer reviews.

Turnbull turned discussion back to Hosteny's ideas about more funding.

McFarland discussed why commission should fight for more funding from CNCS.

McFarland discussed audits of problematic organizations.

Commissioners discussed issues with exited programs.

Turnbull indicated he would send email about who is on committees.

8. Staff Reports

a. AmeriCorps

i. Funding

McFarland discussed support from congress and potential increase in funding.

ii. 2017 Impact

McFarland gave presentation on impact through highlights in 2017.

McFarland discussed AmeriCorps requirements for recruitment and non-AmeriCorps volunteers.

McFarland asked if commissioners had questions about impact discussion.



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Angelis asked about Volunteering AmeriCorps Report. McFarland addressed question.

Ford asked if the commission sent the impact report to all commissioners. McFarland addressed question.

iii. 2017-18 Update

McFarland discussed events for current year and monitoring visits by Esper and Turley.

Schuman asked about closing out for monitoring visits. McFarland addressed question.

McFarland discussed background checks and CNCS requirements for members.

Marton asked if Serve Illinois staff has reminded programs about background checks. McFarland addressed question and discussed several ways the Serve Illinois reminded programs.

Commissioners discussed background checks for CNCS funding recipients.

iv. 2018-19 Application Process

McFarland discussed funding requests, competitive and formula grants, and Renewal and continuation grants.

McFarland discussed review of AmeriCorps applications.

b. Volunteerism

i. Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Hanneken indicated Serve Illinois wanted to submit nominations by Friday or Monday for commissioners to review.

ii. Volunteerism Conferences

Hanneken discussed Southern Illinois Volunteerism Conference, April 26, Central Illinois Conference, June 27, and the Central Illinois Registration in mid-March. Hanneken indicated Serve Illinois would send constant contact when registration is open.

Hanneken also mentioned ICOVA, August 15, and the possibility of a North West Illinois conference.

iii. Volunteer of the Week/Nonprofit Spotlight

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McFarland discussed weekly volunteers recognized. Stevens submits a different volunteer recognized weekly.

iv. Disaster Preparedness and Response

Hanneken discussed logistics of disaster training and relationship of state commissions with IEMA.

Angelis asked about teams for disaster program. Hanneken addressed this question and discussed goal of disaster program, as well as its purpose.

Silberman asked about number of people trained in March. Hanneken and McFarland addressed question.

Ford discussed the possibility of special events for disaster program members to participate in.

Hanneken discussed primary responsibilities of programs. She indicated most are not disaster-program oriented.

McFarland discussed Leader Corps.

Turnbull asked for questions from commissioners.

c. Communications

i. Website/Social Media

McFarland indicated it was a good year for social media.

ii. 2017 Annual Report

McFarland discussed draft for annual report.

9. Old Business

Turnbull asked if any old business needs discussed.

10. New Business

a. Commissioner Engagement

Turnbull discussed how the commission meetings could more smoothly.

Turnbull asked if commissioners had any more questions.

11. Adjourn

Turnbull adjourned meeting at 3:13PM

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